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## **NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – March 15, 2021**

**Concord, NH** – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Monday, March 15, 2021, DHHS announced 224 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 5.9%. Today's results include 143 people who tested positive by PCR test and 81 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,064 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **3/14: 224** new cases

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are thirty-one individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 50% being female and 50% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (65), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (30), Strafford (23), Merrimack (15), Cheshire (14), Carroll (8), Belknap (7), Grafton (7), Sullivan (4), and Coos (3) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (14) and Nashua (9). The county of residence is being determined for twenty-five new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have either had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis or are associated with an outbreak setting.

There are currently 68 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 78,813 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

### **Current Situation in New Hampshire**

#### **New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated March 15, 2021, 9:00 AM)**

NH Persons with COVID-19	78,813
Recovered	75,550 (96%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,199 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,064
Current Hospitalizations	68
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) <sub>2</sub>	641,794
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests <sub>2</sub>	38,184
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	69,428
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL <sub>3</sub>	35

<sub>1</sub>Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

²Includes specimens tested at the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL), LabCorp, Quest, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

³Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

## Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/08	3/09	3/10	3/11	3/12	3/13	3/14	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	62	184	363	363	545	362	0	268
LabCorp	439	599	577	488	537	464	184	470
Quest Diagnostics	356	464	754	584	454	429	336	482
Mako Medical	1	98	441	4	859	4	17	203
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	328	514	442	444	572	379	79	394
NorDX Laboratory	45	500	471	408	246	164	39	268
Broad Institute	1,152	4,744	4,961	2,593	5,960	3,933	728	3,439
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	398	488	688	430	409	230	243	412
Other Laboratory*	301	408	821	571	407	185	164	408
University of New Hampshire**	3,935	3,961	3,761	4,008	4,042	2,044	63	3,116
Total	7,017	11,960	13,279	9,893	14,031	8,194	1,853	9,461
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/08	3/09	3/10	3/11	3/12	3/13	3/14	Daily Average
LabCorp	1	7	15	7	13	8	0	7
Quest Diagnostics	4	14	24	11	8	5	0	9
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	6	6	13	0	7	3	0	5
NorDX Laboratory	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Laboratory*	17	5	8	6	8	5	2	7
Total	28	33	60	24	36	21	2	29

\* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not already listed in the table.

Note: Patients who had both antibody and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are accounted for in both tables.

\*\* Includes tests conducted at the UNH laboartory and their contracted lab Veritas.

